

oakville ranch napa valley 2003 cabernet sauvignon

Wrapped around a fruit-friendly core of integrated but subtle oak are flavors of black fruits—cherry, cassis, blackberry. A hint of dried herbs and dark spice buoys the nose from the glass. Certainly cellar worthy.

listen...savor...and enjoy...

Nina Simone, "You Can Have Him" Mary Miner, Owner

Jimmy Cliff, "Many Rivers to Cross" Ashley Heisey, Winemaker

Erma Thomas, "Ruler of My Heart" Paula Kornell, General Manager

Appellation	100% Napa Valley, Oakville District 100% Oakville Ranch, Vista, Plateau and Terrace Blocks
Varietal	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Date	September 30 – October 21, 2003
Fermentation	13 days on the skins
Barrel Aging	19 months in barrel
Racking	Quarterly
Bottling Date	April 11, 2005
Analysis	14.3% Alcohol 3.48 pH 0.57 TA
Production	875 cases, plus 8 cases of Magnums

Located on a sloping plateau that rises to 1,400 feet above the Silverado Trail on the East side of the Napa Valley, Oakville Ranch was one of the Oakville appellation's pioneering vineyards. Since then, several other highly regarded and prestigious wineries have become neighbors, drawn to this hillside for its powerful, signature-red volcanic soils. In 1989, when Bob and Mary Miner purchased the 350-acre ranch, 55 acres of vineyards were planted to Chardonnay and Bordeaux varietals - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc.

Through the years, the vineyards have been meticulously tended. Additional small vineyard enclaves have been developed as certain sites have revealed their promise. The shallow and miserly rocky soils slowly release their Spartan nutrients, naturally limiting the grape crop to an intense few bunches per vine.